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## "Preparedness" Is Discussed

Rev. Green Has Packed House at The Baptist Church.

Rev. O. Olin Green, pastor of the Mexico Baptist Church, discussed "Preparedness" in his sermon Sunday night. He had a large hearingevery seat in the building taken. Some of the thoughts he presented

His general text was from Mat.16:3 "Ye know how to discern the face of the hecaven; but ye cannot discern the signs of the times."

Scripture reading-Mat, 24:44, "Therefore, be ye also ready; for in such an hour as yethink not the Son of man cometh John 18:11," Jesus saith unto Peter, put up the sword into the sheath "

It is well that we try to understand the times in which we live. God has placed us here just at this period in the world's history and that for a specific purpose. We do well to endeavor to see the events that are taking place. One event portends another if we could only see the relation that exists. It is a fact that when are volcanic disturbances in one part of the world there is evidence of the same in other parts. What are we to conclude? That there is some relation-that these volcanoes have a common center of activity somewhere. When we hear rumblings of war in Europe, Asia, Africa, in Australia, in China, and Japan, and then not only hear but all but smell the fumes of volcanic eruption in nearby Mexico, what are we to conclude? That the fires may break out in the United States.

Hence our plea for Preparedness In the light of present conditions preparedness in our Christian duty. There is much pious talk about Jesus telling Peter to put up his sword. But Peter believed in preparedness. He took his sword with him to prayer meeting. His Lord must have known that Peter had the sword. He did not command him not to take it. When the time came that Peter thought he ought to use it he went for his sword. He used it, too. If that fellow hadn't dodged he would have cut off his head instead of his

Ideals govern the life of a people. Our ideals have ever been those of peace as opposed to aggressive militaryism. Because our ideals are so very different from those of the old world "America has been cruelly misjudged", says our President. We are despised, even hated by the great nations of Europe, if we are to believe those who have recently come from those countries. Germany hates us because she thinks we have favored the Allies. The Allies hate us because we have taken so much off Germany. We have talked so much of peace that they do not think there is any fight in us.

War for this nation is a possibility. To be forewarned is to be fore armed. We know that war is a possibility because we have had such a hard time keeping out of it.

Preparedness is but the common natural law of the universe. Why did God make the cow with horns, the dog with teeth, the cat with claws, the eagle with talons, the wasp with a sting, the mule with a hoof, a man with fists if He did not mean that these were for our protection?

All law recognizes the right of self-defense. The New Testament nowhere condemns the use of force S in civil government of wrong-doers. \$ "For he beareth not the sword in &

If any form of preparedness in jus- \$ W. W. FRY, President. tinable then it should be adequate. \$ J. R. JESSE, Cashier. Every city has its police force. This &

is essential for protection. Law BENTON CITY LETTER against criminals is not unchristian.

See what the Turks have done to Armenans! All because they were not prepared to defend. Unless we have adequate force better none at all. Let us either disband our army, sink our men of war or let us make them strong enough to defend our

### P. J. DUPONT INJURED.

P. J. Dupont, 26 years old, of Slater, a brakeman on the C. &. A., was crushed between two cars at Curryville Tuesday morning. He was seriously hurt. He was brought to Mexico Hospital for quick

The Message regrets the deaths of John Kesler and John Thomas Watts this week southeast of Mexico. Both good men and fine citizens. They will be greatly missed in their homes and in the community.

J. G. Ford, Churchill B. Kennan and J. W. Peck are announced as candidates for Sheriff. All three are mighty fine fellows and each will have a strong following.

Why, no, the Message is not opposed to building the new jail if we have the money. And we understand the county has the money, and to spare. Let's have the new jail right away-without any more patient waiting, for prices might go higher, "while you wait."

Benton City will vote on the question of school consolidation soon. We believe it would be a step forward that good community would never

The real estate agents of Mexico have organized against renters who do not pay for use of houses. Hereafter you will have to pay your rents. You must settle before you try to rent another residence.

## MRS. TURNER DEAD.

Mrs. Harriet Turner, eighty-seven years old, died Monday at the home of Mrs. McKean in this city. She had been in very feeble health for a long She was a native of Lawrence County, Ky., born Dec. 14. 1829. Came to Missouri with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Canterbury, when six years of age. The following year, 1836, the family settled on Littleby, northwest of Rush Hill. Audrain was her home after that till the time of her death. She was twice married. Her first husband was Wm. Blythe, who died some years later. She was married to Samuel Turner in 1894. He died five years later. A brother, A. H. Canterbury of Oklahoma survives her, also sister, Mrs. Jennie Smith, of Taney County, Mo. A half-sister, Mrs. Wm. Blythe, lives in DesMoines, Iowa. A number of nieces and nephews also survive her. Mrs. Turner was a devoted member of the Christian church and was a noble Christian woman. Many friends join with the relatives in mourning her death.

The funeral was at the home of Miss Jessie McKean yesterday afternoon, by Rev. W. A. Shullenberger. Pall-bearers were: Walter Squires, James Squires, Charles Campbell, Ar-

Mrs. Joseph Springer, of Iowa, visited her sister in Mexico last week, Mrs. E. F. Kunkel. Springer says her family is well pleased with Iowa, but they may move back to Audrain sometime.

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Mexico Savings Bank 44th Year in Business Capital Stock, \$150,000

Benton City, Mo., Feb. 22 .- Earl Stump and wife of Kansas City visited relatives here Sunday and Mon-

A rook party will be held Wednesday evening at Romans Hall

Tom Berre went to St. Louis Mon

day night to buy cattle. Walter Wooldridge was in Mexico

Instead of the usual debate Friday night there will be a mock trial. J. B. Arion has sued the editors of the "Literary Gazette" for \$70,000 for slandering his character. The case will be tried in Judge Douglass' court. Attorneys Tincher and Graham will defend the case while the plaintff has employed Attorneys Wooldridge and Lon Smith.

The funeral of the mant daughter(Irma Evelyn) of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parsons was held at the home of Mrs. Holbrook Sunday, conducted by Eld. Head of Centralia, pastor of reaved relatives. the Christian church here. The ba by was interred in the cemetery here Mr. and Mrs. Parsons who are just moving away from our midst have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

Misses Treecy and Esther Cox received a piano this week from their grandfather at Troy.

J. D. Anderson, 75 years old, of near Laddonia, died in that city recently.

See Purdy's Lquid Smoke and Butchering Set display.

MRS. WAKEFIELD DEAD.

One of The City's Most Loveable Women.

Mrs. Laura Wakefield, 45 years old, after a long illness, died Monday. The husband, J. J. Wakefield, and one daughter, Frances, survive her. Before her marriage she was Miss Laura McCue of Callaway county.

Mrs. Wakefield was a loveable long-suffering

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian church conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. A. Wallace, interment in Elmwood.

Our sympathy goes out to the stricken husband and daughter.

Mrs. Wakefield Passes Away.

Miss Laura McCue was born in Callaway county, Mo., Aug. 13, 1870, and died at her home in Mexico, Mo., Feb. 21, 1916. She was united in marriage with John J. Wakefield in December, 1897, to which union was born one daughter. Mrs. Wakefield's long continued ailment, which was incurable, resulted in her death. She had been treated in different hospitals, but without success. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church in Mexico and an esteemed member of the Trinity Missionary Society, who now pay a loving tribute of respect as she goes from among us. She was always kind and true, a loving companion and affectionate mother, a congenial associate and Howell here, was married this week friend. She was patient during her to Miss Addie Matthews, a charming days of intense suffering and resigned to go as the time drew near, tho The groom is a prominent leaving many loving sad hearts be- young banker and has prospered hind. The funeral services were con- since he left Audrain. We wish him ducted by Rev. Wallace at the Pres- and his bride long life and happiness byterian church at 1:30 p. m. Feb. together. 23 and the remains laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery. Deep sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

Marvin Emmons, out beyond Molino, will put on feed soon a fine that claybank cow on the southeast drove of Western lambs, which were corner of the Square came near getpurchased on the Omaha market.

Smoke your meat the scientific g dow for particulars.

One of The County's Most Lovable Women.

Mrs. Mary F. Barnes, 66 years old, wife of Noble Barnes, southeast o Moxico, died Saturday aftenoon o grip and pneumonia. The funeral was held Monday at Rising Sun Church, north of Mexico, conducted by Rev. J. D. Greer. Besides the husband, Mrs. Barnes is survived by the following children: Cal Barnes of Benton City, Theodore Barnes of Molino, Mrs. Allie Payton and Ennis Barnes of Boonville, Claude Barnes of Idaho, and Roy and Ray Barnes of Nebraska.

Mrs. Barnes was a native of Audrain, born Dec. 4, 1849, and was the daughter of M. Bybee and Edith Williams Bybee. She was a member of the Christian church and was a lovable character. The entire community extends sympathy to the be-

### MR. KESLER DEAD.

Honored Citizen and Christian Gentleman.

Mr. John Kesler, 61 years old, who had been a resident of Audrain County all his life, died at his home southeast of Mexico Tuesday morning of pneumonia. He had been ill but a short time. The funeral was held at Union Church yesterday and burial in the cemetery there. The wife and seven children survive him. The children are: Henry, Lizzie, Mrs. Perry Brooks, Mrs. William Walker, Julia, Fernidine, George, and Arnold. Mr. Kesler was a fine man and his friends were legion. He will be greatly missed.

N. M. Friedman's fine residence at Martinsburg was destroyed by fire Monday morning. The loss is about \$6,000. Loss partially covered by

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hulen of Centralia attended the Mack-Butler wed- reka Prairie Chapel, Chapel Grove, ding in Mexico Saturday.

your meat the scientific way and nearly 300 school children, and a valget a complete Butchering Set worth uation of \$554,000. This makes a \$9.50 for \$2.95.

escaping February's chilly changes in give them a first-class practical edu-Missouri, and visiting Hamilton Bros. cation suited to farmers and all that

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This is to thank all those who regclate your continued help by your trading at the Booster Store and saving coupons for me. Leave same at Surely, then, this is a step in the store in my name or mail to me direct. Miss Margaret Selb. Booster.

Mr. Henry W. Howell, a former the community. Mexico boy, a son of Mr. John W young woman of Powell, Wyoming.

streets Tuesday morning and sang National airs in celebration of Washington's birthday. The stampede of ting the girls on a stampede too.

G. H. Fennewald of near Marway and get a Butchering Set worth tinsburg sold 22 head of 1404 than the cost of manufacturing. \$9.50 for \$2.95. See Purdy's win- pound steers on the St. Louis market at \$8.45. It was top price that day

## Rural School Notes County School

The pupils of E.E.Shay at Benton City have organized an interesting literary and debating society. It was with pleasure that D. M.Clayton, assistant to Mr. Gass, and I, listened to a warm discussion of the quetion, Re solved: That the mule is a more useful animal than the horse. It was fine to see one boy after anotherchampion the cause of his favorite. This is experience and training-the right cind of education, that will be useful to them all their lives.

The other people of the community have also organized a society that meets Friday night. Last Friday they invited Mr. Clayton and the writer to explain Consolidation. Large crowd present spite of bad roads. There were representatives from most of the surrounding districts present. The literary program was interesting and well applauded. Next Friday will be a slander suit-"Barley Arvis vs Emil Jungbluth et al-publishers of the Benton Gazette." It seems the publishers stated that Arvin had been bootlegging. A very interesting fight is assured.

Tho half the audience was children and young people, and the hour late. Mr. Clayton received close attention for fully an hour, as he explained the question of consolidation. Questions were aksed, showing, too, the interest they take in the question.

It did not suit many to come out at night, we remained in Benton and held another meeting 2:00 p.m. Saturday. At least 75 leading farmers and business men of the community were present and again the deepest interest in the question was shown. It was five o'clock before the last had left. There was some opposition, but this was on points that if they were fully understood would leave little basis for opposition.

It looks now very favorable for the organization of a large and wealthy district at Benton. The proposed plan includes the districts: Erisman, Eu-Sun Rise, Liberty, Stauffer, and Benton City. This will give them more Let Purdy show you how to smoke than 53 square miles of territory, strong and wealthy district, one that can have a very suitable building, Roy Creasey of St. Louis is visiting a first class four year high school his father, Mason Creasey, in Mexico. that will prepare their children for college or university entrance with-L. Roy Ferris is at Del Rio, Texas, out examination,-but best of all we at a reasonable cost. Then, too, the children will be at home. Now who can estimate the value of that?

Last summer at the farmers' picnic stered and assisted me in getting at Gant Champ Clark said that he coupons Saturday. And I will appre- was in favor of consolidation, and that, too, after he had made a plea for better work in our rural schools. assistance and best wishes of all who are interested in the best welfare of

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Roy Reed has been very ill.

# **Boards Meet**

Big Gathering in Mexico on The 22nd of March.

The annual Audrain County School Board Convention will be held in this city March second. The sessions will be held in County Court Room. Every phase of school work will be covered by competents and the attendance should be large. The program as arranged by Supt. W. Clyde Johnson is as follows:

Teachers-Qualifications, terms of service, wages-Robert Offutt. Relation of teacher to community

and of community to the teacher-J. E. Stratton.

School Officers-Directors. Clerk. Value of monthly meeting, Duties-S. P. Emmons. Buildings-Plans for school house,

Location, heating, furnace, stoves. Stove jackets etc .- B. F. James. Seating-Best desks, how arranged,

Ventilation, general up-keep, doorsteps and walks-W. C. Sharp. Outbuildings-Toilet rooms, construction, location, care, Fuel house,

size, divisions-J. C. Flynt. Water Supply-Source of fountains, buckets, cups-S. C. Groves.

Grounds-Provisions for play for all. Equipment, plans for beautifying. Care of-G. L. Williams.

Free text books-E.W.Lierheimer. School libraries-The library law. What books to select, care, record. Use by pupils and patrons-Miss Effie Hanger.

Records, reports, notices-What records should be kept, minutes of all meetings. Warrants issued, reports received and made, purchases for the school-T. J. Arnold.

Report by Dis. clerk-Estimates, enumeration, to county clerk, state aid. non-attendance-J. J. Johnson. Report to Dis. Clerk-By county reasurer, teachers' monthly and term reports-B. L. Frisbie.

Notices-Annual meeting, to parents and guardians, to delinquents in attendance- C. F. Barney. Community Organization- Social center work, parent-teacher meetings and boy's and girl's clubs, moonlight

schools .- J. W. Dowell. Clean-Up Day-Scrubbing, oiling floor, no-dust prearations fumigation of building .- W. C. Offutt.

The Grounds-Beautifying. Outhouses, walks.—A. L. Lipp.

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BACK TO JAIL.

right direction, and deserves the Bondsmen of Baldridge of Centralia Quit Him.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 21.-W. H. Baldridge, former City Marshal of Centralia, charged with first-degree murder in the killing of Dr. J. Q. On Thursday, March 9th, 1916, I Cooper a week ago, is again in the will hold at my farm, 5 miles north- Boone County jail here. Sentiment west of Rush Hill, and one mile south against Baldridge grew so strong in of Worcester, my Second Annual Sale his home town Saturday that his bondsmen asked to be released from 35 sows, all bred to four great their obligations, and Baldridge was boars (one a winner at the Mo. State returned to Columbia, where he is

> Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pitts, a daughter.

Let Purdy tell you how to smoke your meat the new way and get

C. E. Maxwell of this county sold a load of heavy helfers on the St. Louis market at \$8,25.